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Careers newsletter for families - July 2021

Welcome to the final edition of our parent carer and student newsletter of this academic year. In this issue we bring you lots of skills-related activities to keep young people busy over the summer holidays, along with a spotlight on the digital technology sector and information about funded one-to-one careers guidance until December 2021!

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YOUR FEEDBACK

We hope you have found the content of these newsletters engaging and useful. We would love to find out your views to help us improve it for the future so please take a minute to complete our feedback surveys:

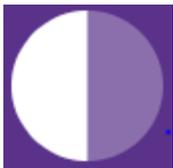
[Complete the parent carer survey now >](#)

[Complete the student survey now >](#)



SUMMER SKILLS

Preparing for the world of work isn't just about work experience. There are loads of skills which you can develop which are transferrable to the workplace. Here are some ideas about how young people can continue to build their skills over the summer - remember to record all the activities for your CV!



Preparing for Your Future

This is a free online course to help 14-16 year olds build skills and careers confidence over the long summer break. The courses will boost skills and career confidence and students will get a certificate for their CV when you complete each course! [Find out more >](#)



Journey to Work

This free online course will help young people aged 17+ build skills and careers confidence before they take their next steps. The 8 courses will help young people explore their strengths, needs, and what they want to do in the future. [Find out more >](#)

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National Citizens Service Summer Programme (cost applies)

This two-week programme includes outdoor themed activities such as rock climbing, abseiling and numerous water sports and young people will take part in workshops which will help them learn important life skills. The dates are 5 July, 12 July 9 August and 16 August. [Find out more >](#)



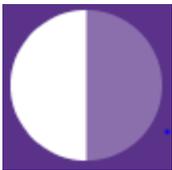
JP Morgan: Summer of learning sessions

Online sessions with topics including CV and interview techniques, financial markets uncovered, inside stories from apprenticeships and graduates, resilience, technology and more! [Find out more >](#)



Barclay's Life Skills

Includes interactive tools, films and activities to help young people ages 14+ reflect on not only their skills, but their interests and personality traits, and how to develop them further to support their future. [Find out more >](#)



PwC's New World, New Skills Virtual Skills Programme

The programme aims to support students in developing their skills for the future, and making the most of their potential in their chosen career via online videos! Topics include: Aiming high, teamwork, problem solving, speaking and listening, and staying positive. [Find out more >](#)



PwC Virtual Case Experience in Corporate Tax

Covers all aspects of corporate tax strategy including tax advice, tax risk, mergers & acquisitions, international compliance or digital processes. Get a real feel for starting a tax career in your own time and gain a certificate! [Find out more >](#)



PwC Virtual Case Experience in Digital Intelligence

Explore new technologies that impact all employees and existing processes via digital transformation. Discover tech-powered enablement, real-time insights, change management programmes or scoring algorithms and find out more about a career in Digital Intelligence at PwC. [Find out more >](#)

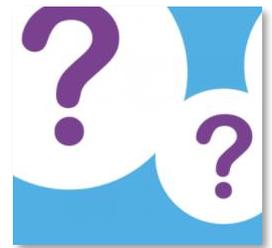
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PERSONAL GUIDANCE

Free expert 1:1 careers guidance for young people in Bucks – extended until December 2021!

We are excited to announce that this invaluable service will be extended until December 2021. If your son or daughter is in Year 11, 12 or 13, you can arrange a free virtual advice session, funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company. This could come in particularly useful after results days, to help support young people with their decisions.



[Find out more here >](#)

EVENTS

Book on a free virtual event

There are loads of careers events coming up this summer that you won't want to miss. From exploring careers in fashion, nursing, and architecture, to celebrating World Oceans Day. Visit our website to see what's happening and when. We're continually adding to our event calendar, so make sure to check back regularly!

[Find all events here >](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Getting work experience could be tricky for the foreseeable future, but there are some inspiring virtual work experience (VWEX) opportunities around which will let you explore career choices remotely.

Don't forget [the Parents' Guide to Work Experience](#) to see how it can make young people stand out in a competitive world and keep them focused on their studies.

<p>GCHQ CyberFirst Advanced programmes hone the skills and behaviours needed to enter the cyber security or computing workplace for real. 12 July 2021.</p> <p>Find out more ></p>	
<p>Ogilvy Health, Healthcare Advertising Work Experience Day with professionals for students interested in the world of medicine and healthcare but who have a creative flair, whether that be writing, project management, social media or art direction. 13 July 2021</p> <p>Find out more ></p>	

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<p>Escape Studios VWEX Build new skills in VFX, Animation and Games, get introduced to new contacts and expand your professional network in the creative industry. 13 – 14 July 2021 Find out more ></p>	
<p>Royal Hospital for Neurodisability: this online taster course will give you an introduction to the role of Speech and Language Therapy, case examples as well as insight into how to treat adults with communication and swallowing difficulties following brain injury. 8 July 2021. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Royal Northern College of Music Virtual Performing Arts Careers Day 6 July This one day session includes workshops and panel discussions with experts from the RNCM, RADA, LIPA, ArtsEd, Mountview, Central, GSA, and more. They'll provide you with the information you need to smash that audition, overcome nerves, choose between courses, and explore a range of careers in performing, production, directing, choreography, stage management, set design, lighting and sound. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Institute of Grocery Distributors VWEX week Interact with industry professionals like Coca Cola, Cadbury, and Tesco to hear about marketing, science, engineering, IT and gain insights into a growing sector. Gain a certificate of attendance upon completion. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Science Oxford STEM Summer Experience 26 July to 6 August 2021 This free programme will give those interested in careers in STEM the opportunity to gain relevant skills, experience and expertise over a two-week period in the holidays. Students can sign up for workshops, talks and sessions led by local STEM companies and complete their own research project. Find out more ></p>	
<p>BAM Construction Virtual WEX 26 to 30 July Discover the behind the scenes world of a large construction company. Meet professionals from a range of careers and learn about what their roles entail. There are a wide range of roles you will be introduced to which suit a diverse set of skills, knowledge and talents. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Springpod Summer VWEX programme 2 to 13 August The VWEX programmes ranging from politics, journalism, sustainability and engineering, are now open for applications. These August programmes will really give students the chance to take control of their future this summer, ensuring that they come back more prepared than ever. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Morgan Stanley – Early Careers WEX 'Step In, Step Up – Foundations in Finance' programme from 31 August to 3 September This four-day programme aims to identify undiscovered talent and kick start the careers of Year 13 students along with supporting social mobility. Applicants must be year 13 students and be starting an undergraduate course at a UK university in Autumn of 2021 and have always attended a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college. Find out more ></p>	

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Looking for an apprenticeship? [Click here](#) to head over to the Bucks Skills Hub website where you will find 100s of local apprenticeship vacancies. Below, we've also highlighted just a few of the latest school/college leaver apprenticeships with local and national employers.

<p>Labcorp Data Scientist Apprenticeship – Maidenhead</p> <p>Following a comprehensive induction process and tailored training program, you will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of clinical trials and bringing medicines to market. The minimum requirements are A level Maths and 2 other subjects. Find out more ></p>	
<p>IBM</p> <p>Register interest now to be informed when applications open for the 2022 Apprenticeship Programme. Register here ></p>	
<p>Burnham Grammar School Apprentice Facilities Manager</p> <p>Level 3 or 4 Apprenticeship lasting 18 – 24 months. This is a great opportunity involving lots of contact with Wates, the construction company, the DfE, Mace (the project managers) and so on. It would look amazing on a CV. Find out more ></p>	
<p>Amazing Apprenticeships: Parents Perspective Podcast</p> <p>Each episode will feature a diverse panel of parents, bringing their questions and insights to expert speakers to try to tackle. They offer practical solutions to some of the challenges parents currently face in supporting their children to make informed decisions. Find out more ></p>	

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UNDERSTANDING THE JOB MARKET

Industry Sector Spotlight: Digital Technology

Each area of the economy has a different story to tell. Each issue of Classroom to Career includes insight into a sector where job opportunities are growing: this month we feature careers in digital technology.

Digital technology is everywhere – from Artificial Intelligence to Computing and Communications. Growth in this sector is huge nationally, but on a local scale as well. See the facts and figures below for information specifically related to Buckinghamshire and how we are transforming and leading on Digital Technology and the specific roles that are involved with this sector. [Visit the website here >](#)



What's booming locally

If you're not sure what kind of career might be best for you, the Sector Hub on the Bucks Skills Hub website is filled to the brim with information on all the key sectors in Buckinghamshire - from up-and-coming emerging technologies to the sectors booming with business growth. [Explore industry sectors here >](#)

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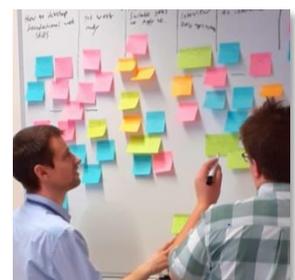
Plan for every outcome and just take the first step!

18-year-old Charlie Lammin set up his Amersham-based mobile valeting and detailing business, Restoredetailinguk, when he was just 17. Here Charlie tells us about how and why he started his business, and his motivation for doing what he loves. [Find out more >](#)

BuDs Summer Digital WEX

If a young person aged 16+ has a long-term condition or disability, particularly neurodiverse traits, this is their chance to gain highly employable skills over the summer holidays, and make a significant contribution to the local community.

[Find out more >](#)



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The Side Hustle Initiative from YourGamePlan

The Side Hustle Initiative is a nationwide search for all 14-18-year-olds who either are already delivering a side hustle or who have an amazing business idea that they are passionate about launching. It's a great opportunity for all young people to gain access to one-to-one professional mentoring to support them in evolving their ideas. The top finalists will share a £10,000 investment fund to go straight into growing their business. [Find out more >](#)

FuturesUP: Multi-industry Virtual Careers Event – July 8 2021

Hosted over one interactive half-day, you'll be able to engage directly with world-class employers such as GCHQ, JP Morgan and IBM, whilst gaining valuable online work experience across a range of industries. You'll be able to discover whereabouts your current subjects can take you, deep dive into interesting topics led by business professionals, and think BIG when it comes to writing an application or CV. [Find out more >](#)



Peters Research Software Engineering - Salaried Gap Year Placement in Great Missenden

A rare opportunity to work with a team of developers working with a range of software technologies. You will need to be good at maths and enjoy writing software. You will be expected to begin university studies in 2022 and Peters Research will consider sponsorship options for the best performers. [Find out more and apply >](#)